# LETTERS FROM AN OLD SPORT TO HIS SON AT COLLEGE

In Which He Shows That Copy-Book Maxims Are Relics of the Dark Ages When the Batting Average of Literary Genius Consisted Entirely of Sacrifice Hits

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kid: you handed me that bunch of dope about the athletic comhaving to boost you through your class room exams as though it was something to be ashamed of. On the centrary, kid, it is a



WRAITH TO PICK YOU UP FOR AN ASY-MARK-AND-GET-BUSY-WITH-HIS-MAULERS-

conclusively that you're not wasting the space in your garret by storing away the useless ornamentations of knowledge factories, and that you have passed the exams of the athletic board or they wouldn't care a tinker's dam whether you was eligible for the team or not. This state of affairs might not meet with the approval of some of the stiffs you butt into during your society gambols with the calico, but it sure makes a hit with your old dad.

The line of education which I have marked out for you, kid, is a course of study under your baseball coach in order to get hep to the theoretical dope of the game, to be followed by a post-graduate course in a minor league in order to develop your theories and put them into practical shape. As a finishing touch, between seasons you've got to float around this old dump of a world and pick up your own pie and cake without getting anything more substantial than advice from your old

This may look as though you was getting the perified mitt from your pa-ternal parent, but I don't intend to put your future on the block by building your childhood home on Easy street, and before old Father Time has you groggy and hanging on the ropes you'll see the wisdom of your dad's dope. They can spout all they want to about the education that's shoved into your garret from the musty recesses of bound rollymes but the education that is the real goods for service and isn't all tinsel and show is the kind that's kicked into our basement by the swift foot of ex-berience. And the more different parts of the world in which you have this eration performed the more complete

stone gathers no moss," and they're right, kid; so if you don't want to get moss-grown and moldy keep rolling. A rolling stone raises the most "dust" and butts into more opportunities than the moss-grown boulder, which at best is

It is no exaggeration to say that Dar-

The "Race Track Trust" has been

ing of Empire City the Western pro-

prietary interests of Joseph Rhinoch and

L. A. Celia gained a working foothold

While James Butler is the man with the

most money in the project, it was the

och and the latter's willingness to come

mill a-going which brought on the meet-

from August Belmont and other powerful Jockey Club interests.

ompetition, is a debatable question, es-

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ng in the face of the utmost hostility

peared in its den, for with the open-



thundering lot of these hoary old maxims which were ripped off by a bunch of will be your education.

I know a lot of old mummies will shove it into your knot that "a rolling stone gathers no moss," and they're ages, and sticks it in the correspondence of the correspondence

"When angry count ten before you swift kick in the slots has it skinned to speak; when very angry count a hungarret from the musty recesses of bound volumes, but the education that is the real goods for service and isn't all tinsel and show is the kind that the real goods for service and isn't all tinsel and show is the kind that the real goods for service and isn't all tinsel and show is the kind that the real goods for service and isn't all tinsel and show is the kind that the real goods for service and isn't all tinsel and show is the kind that the real goods for service and isn't all tinsel and show is the kind that the real goods for service and isn't all tinsel and show is the kind that the real goods for service and isn't all tinsel and show is the kind that the real goods for service and isn't all tinsel and show is the kind that the real goods for service and isn't all tinsel and show is the kind that the real goods for service and isn't all tinsel and show is the kind that the real goods for service and isn't all tinsel and show is the kind that the real goods for service and isn't all tinsel and show is the kind that the real goods for service and isn't all tinsel and the real goods for service and isn't all tinsel and the real goods for service and isn't all tinsel and the real goods for service and isn't all tinsel and the real goods for service and isn't all tinsel and the real goods for service and isn't all tinsel and the real goods for service and isn't all tinsel and the real goods for service and isn't all tinsel and the real goods for service and isn't all tinsel and the real goods for service and isn't all tinsel and the real goods for service and isn't all tinsel and the real goods for service and isn't all tinsel and the real goods for service and isn't all tinsel and the real goods for service and the real goods for serv ways remembered that little enusion, and when I beat it out into the cold out in these institutions. They let out a world to carve out my little niche. I liowl like a dog catcher's wagon being side-swiped by a hog train about ather their institution on the on the installment plan, and they world to carve out my little niche. I weren't strong enough with the fans in their day to win them a job writing copy for the "Hints to Housekeepers" guy who would let me get farther than copy for the "Hints to Housekeepers" guy who would let me get farther than column in the local sheet. Yet years after they were planted some bone freeze who counted the ten before I

> Another bunch of false-alarm dope is that old bunk that "a soft answer

progress and a home for creeping ver-min and moldy decay. honesty in its make-up. his maulers. If you ever try out this I remember when I was a kid in the soft answer core when you butt into While we are on the subject, kid, I old red school house I got writer's cramp wrath in its active form, after you get want to hand you a tip that there's a copying that old stale dope which says: out of the hospital you'll decide that a

These old ossified pedagogues of the knowledge factories, who perpetuate this done of the dark ages to shove into the rising generations, are largely responsiletics putting their institution on the bum, and if it wasn't for baseball and ing tooth and nail to overcome a fierce

to earn his fodder when he beats it from on the diamond and came up from be the knowledge factory, he'll get a blamed hind and slammed out a victory in the sight more serviceable dope kicked into ninth, these are not the slobs who but

## And Tells Fow Baseball and Football Prevent Educational Institutions From Being Mere Fop Factories.

field than he'll ever absorb into his dry | five-yard line because the game ahead shell in the class room. It's all right is tough.
for the kid who aspires to be a captain I'm handing you this dope, kid, just to of industry or to top the batting average academic knowledge to hit over .300 in

The kid who puts in all his time in the class room chucking his over-populated noodle with school-book dope, and clinches with his "honesty is the best policy" gag, will perhaps some day do. policy" gag, will perhaps some day develop into the trusted employe, the expert accountant, the dyspeptic slob whom the head gazabo points to with pride as having faithfully and efficiently filled the same position for twenty years, but you can take it from me that the big smoke who owns the dump was once the kid who wasn't so blamed particular about copping his honor cake, cooked up by the class room pedagogues, but put in a slice of time with the tough mugs out on the lot developing origin-ality and force of character and stiffening up his backbone.

There's a lot of old mossb probably can't see where athletics butt into business training, but you can take my tip that it takes the same mental realifications to buck the rush line down the field for short gains to a touchdown, or to slam out the needed hit in a pinch as it does to buck through the obstacles to the goal line of business success.

The gritty guy who hammers away at the opposing rush line in spite of three cracked ribs, a fractured wing, a couple of shaded lamps, and a twisted spine is not very blamed apt to stay out when he gets slammed back for a loss in the business game. And the guys who have smeared their way down the field, fightresistance, and while the gloaming gloams, pushed over the line with the Even if a kid hasn't got the goods to winning touchdown, spitting out chunks freeze onto a job playing baseball and of hair and cuticle, or the scrappy bunch is compelled to butt into business life who have put up a game up-hill fight

show you that while you're making a on Wall Street to get outside of a certain amount of prescribed knowledge dope, but I'll give you a tip that he has got to pack something more than mere made business success. Given the same amount of technical ability, the guy who



KNOWLEDGE-TO-HIT-OVER-300

IN THE BUSINESS GAME.

### SARATOGA DOOMED UNLESS GAMBLING LID IS REMOVED

Races Alone Not Sufficient Attraction—Real Reason Why Gates Quit America-"Boots" Durnell in Trouble-Track Trust Threatened.

By J. S. A. MACDONALD.

vate "cottage clubs," the close-down at handler of the thoroughbred in training. Lipton. Canfield's has hurt Saratoga to a marked No man has a better knowledge of the

of the Empire City meeting at Yonkers, gambling. N. Y., at least 2,000 sojourners dropped down to New York. If Saratoga is to nell let \$200,000 slip through his fingers live and prosper as a summer sporting during the last five months. Just how town, a more liberal administration, so gambling, must prevail. The nel is scarcely rich. According to many old-world methods, in vogue at Monte turimen Durnell will never again race Carlo, Nice, and other resorts, must in this country. The Jockey Club gave him a week in order to disperse his stable.

Americans, and New Yorkers particularly, are becoming rich, and, though gambling, like whisky, is a bad thing The "Race Track Tru in itself, still the class that may afford and enjoy the pleasure of it, want gambling, and must get it. Otherwise, Saratoga is going to take the "toboggan."

One of the surprising things of the week is shown in the announcement of John W. Gates' expatriation. "Bet-Youa-Million," so the story goes, will live in England, and, during his residence says he could not obtain the privacy papers exploited his every movement,

Gates Sore on Newspapers.

The New York newspapers made the multi-millionaire ridiculous, Gates openly assailing the racing reporter of the New tain r York Sun in the Sheepshead Bay pad- as h dock, because of that young man having Another New Track. printed alleged fabrications concerning

This was especially so about his bet-

Jockey Club took advantage of the occasion to get after Durnell. At the time Alec Smith was ruled off, Durnell was told to vamp away, too. Then comes the story of Gates' intention of racing in England as a means to let down Durnell easily.

As a matter of fact, Gates will never race abroad, and Durnell will attempt to secure reinstatement in France before further pursuing his destiny upon the turf.

Durnell is intent upon securing a di- Weekly.

Of the British **Sporting World** British Yachtsmen Getting Pointers at Kiel

**London Gossip** 

foot of the horse than he. His one Kiel have proven the contention that English team with 101. H. R. Robinson [ On the day previous to the opening weakness is a proneness to excessive the long maintained superiority of the United States on yachting as evidenced | Challenge trophy. by the repeated failures to recapture the America's Cup has, been due not so much to the superior scamanship of the boats have been built to meet local con- letic arena the world has ever seen. ditions on better lines than have been the challengers. One authority on yachting says:

the next cup challenger is to race off Sandy Hook instead of in British waters, laps to the mile. and not only will build with this fact! become thoroughly acclimated and acup with ready money which started the

he desires in this country. The news- of New York for the money there is in self is authority for the statement. Or- swim the British Channel in a relay. racing and to be able to govern the sport with a firm hand. That he has brought racing from nowhere to a splendid eminence of respectability, cannot be denied, but that he is right in fighting off all competition is a debratal constitution in the constitution is a debratal constitution in the constitution is a debratal constitution in the constitution in the constitution is a debratal constitution in the constitution in the constitution is a debratal constitution in the constitution in the constitution is a debratal constitution in the constitution in the constitution is a debratal constitution in the constitution is a debratal constitution in the constitution is a debratal constitution in the constitution in the constitution in the constitution is a destruction in the constitution in the constitution in the constitution in the constitution is a destruction in the constitution is a constitution in the constitutio tain race track has as good right to race the two, but the odds will be on Orby. string of youngsters has already been tance swimming in the open sea.

S. Fraser, First Banff Artillery Volunteers; Lance Corp. A. J. Fulton, Thirt teenth Middlesex V. R. C.; Arm. Sergt.

A. Lawrence, First Dumbarton R. V. R.
C.; Arm. Sergt. G. MacHaffle, Galloway Riffes; Arm. Sergt. J. N. Martin, Fifth V. B. H. L.; Sergt. H. Ormundsen, Queen's Edinburgh; Lieut. E. L. Purnell, Second V. B. South Middlesex; Warrant Officer A. J. Raven, Royal Navy; Private H. R. Robinson, Fourth V. B. Manchester Regiment; Sergt. W. Tatlow, Second V. B. Warwickshire Regiment; Maj. F. E. Varley, H. A. C.; Sergt. Maj. J. A. Wallingford, School of Musketry. Attached for Canada only:

S. Fraser, First Banff Artillery Volunteers of a grouse shooting season in tells us that Italy supplies nearly all our lemons; Spain sends us grapes and preserved fruits. Asia Minor, figs; France, walnuts, and the what sort of a grouse shooting season it will be quite day. Nothing but a constitutions are not to the young birds that it will prevent anything in the shape of record tags being made. But the abnormally backward season has had at least one advantage. Nesting began late, therefore there were a considerable number of broods that survived which would now otherwise. Had it commenced earlier and they had experienced climatic conditions similar to that the Dark the bar that the Dark Asia Minor, figs; France, walnuts, and Spain, almonds. Our cocoanuts we get from Columbia, Cuba. America. "Our dried apples," says the stratistics man tells us that Italy supplies nearly all our lemons; Spain had now sends the Dark Asia Minor, figs; France, walnuts, and Spain, almonds. Our cocoanuts we get from Columbia, Cuba. America. "Our dried apples," says the stratistics man tells us that Italy take more than that to oil less fwallops that the Dark Asia Minor, figs; France, walnuts, and Spain, almonds. Our cocoanuts we get from Columbia, cuba. America. "Our dried apples," says the stratistics man tells us that Italy take more than the Dark Asia Minor, figs; France, cuba. Asia Minor, figs; France, our cuba. Asia Minor, figs; France, our teers; Lance Corp. A. J. Fulton, Thirteenth Middlesex V. R. C.; Arm. Sergt. A teacher in a certain Eastern school asked her class to draw a picture of they which they wished to be when they Rifles; Arm. Sergt. J. N. Martin, Fifth he story of Gates' intention of the continuous o

Lieut. J. T. Peddle, L. R. B.; Capt. W. E. Stephenson, Second V. B. Norta Fusileers; Col. J. Hopton, late of the Highland Light Infantry and at present chief inspector of small arms, will be the commandant of the team; Maj. P. W. Richardson, Second V. B. North Fusileers, will be the shooting captain and Capt. Langford Lloyd, D. S. O., R. A. M. C., will perform the duties of ad-

Sergeant Comber scored 97 out of 105 for England in the Bisley meeting this year for the National Challenge trophy. Fraser shot for Scotland in the National Challenge trophy, scoring 94. A. J. Fulton scored 308 in the King's prize LONDON, Aug. 17.—British yachtsmen have been watching the races at Kiel have been watching the races at Kiel land in the National Challenge trophy.

Score for England was 97. A Lawrence finished third in the King's prize with outside of the preparation of the athletes, which is expended on the games. The idea of the majority is that the It is held here that the results at National Challenge trophy he led the do it. made 95 for England in the National

games next year is now in full progress. Americans as to the fact that their It will undoubterdly be the finest ath-

in view, but will send the challenger 100 meterr long, and the remainder inover in time for the boat and crew to side will be turfed for lawn tennis and Organization Perfected. numerous other contests. The program customed to the water in which the for next year's games has only been races are sailed, we will have a good provisionally fixed, for each nation is at present considering the conditional

The swimming world is interested in fully recovered from his recent indis-position, and will fill his engagements the attempt which will be made next Belmont wishes to monopolize the turf on the English tracks. Mr. Croker him- week of team of four city policemen to

divided as to which will win. The race of the late Captain Webb, who on is practically admitted to be between August 24 and 25, 1875, swam the English Channel In 21 hours 45 minutes, and also The success of Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt's for the purpose of encouraging long dis

John's beta. "Boots" Durnell will train for Gates in the old country, and a large stable will be campaigned. The conditions of the story going the rounds.

Durnell in Trouble Again.

The real truth of the thing is that Purnell is ji disfavor with the Jockey Club. He has been told to "32." Durnell, through the influence of Joseph Club. He has been told to "52." Durnell is foul of the French Jockey Club. When he has been told to "52." Durnell is found to the French Jockey Club. When he held at Dover max many a race with this particulars is an on any set depole another which is bound to recognize the foreign tribund. Who is behind it? The British rife team which soon will start on a tour of Canada and Auxillation. They do sar, John Wo Rates, has been able to race will start on a tour of Canada and Auxillation. They do sar, John Wo Rates, has been able to race will start on a tour of Canada and Auxillation. They do sar, John Wo Rates, has been able to race will start on a tour of Canada and Auxillation. They do sar, John Wo Rates, has been able to race will start on a tour of Canada and Auxillation. They do sar, John Wo Rates, has been able to race will start on a tour of Canada and Auxillation. They do sar, John Wo Rates, has been able to race will start on a tour of Canada and Auxillation. They do sar, John Wo Rates, has been able to race with this particulars will be will be held at Dove next mount for a challenge cup, presented by will be deal of those directly interesting the will be will be held at Dove next mount for a challenge cup, presented by will be deal of the great promote conclusion, for under the will make a large date of those directly interesting to the set of those directly interesting the will be deal to conclusion, for these are not using the deal can cent make themsets Joe to the set of these directly interesting the will be will be held at Dove next mount of the Great and the will command a large and the racing tiself the will ask and the will be will be defined to make the meets Joe to the s prove a money maker was a foregone rapidly forging ahead, and, while his will be held at Dover next month for their superiors are not using the desks. long trip to the mountains, after which until he meets Joe Gans in Los Angeles

Opinions seem rather divided as to

#### CORNELL PLAN FOR ATHLETIC **ORGANIZATION**

Ithacans Manage Games on Strictly Business Basis. Dugan Manager.

J. Fulton scored 308 in the King's prize, of the spectators who witness contests in the National Challenge trophy his of college athletes from September until

outsider, but back of the elements of been shifted a bit. sport in every college there is a busi-Work on the Stadlum for the Olympian the mainstay of athletics. If it were games next year is now in full progress, not for them, there would be troubles of a financial nature all the time. But this is a fact seldom thought of. For The length of the stadium will be 1,600 several years past the larger colleges feet and the width 700 feet. The first have found that a strong athletic astrack will be for cycling and will be 35 sociation, composed of the managers and "If Sir Thomas Lipton and Mr. Wat- feet wide and of two and three-quarters assistant managers of the various teams, Nelson Not Talking. son will recognize fully the fact that laps to the mile. Inside that will be a all under the guidance of one man running track 25 feet wide and three usually a graduate, is an economy, and puts athletic affairs on a more business Then there will be a swimming tank like footing than in the days when each manager settled his team's bills.

Such an organization has been perfect ed at Cornell University, and in the offices of the Athletic Association there prevails the air of the business place of a solid corporation. There is a large, airy main office, where the graduate manager makes his headquarters, and where all clerical work is done, and adoining it are three smaller rooms, one for the meeting of the athletic council, He admits the two punches which Britt will do until he meets a man of unone for the keeping of accounts and the selling of tickets for the various athsecond to him in the Derby. Opinion is swimmer capable of emulating the feat letic events, and a small private office for the graduate manager.

various teams have their desks in the in the fight, but Nelson in his weak years younger than Gans. council room, convenient for the sittings condition, feit them and they rocked It is an old saying that youth will be of that august body, and the assistant him from top to toe. managers also "hang out" here when It is probable that Bat will take a this particular youth will be served

# BRITT OVERRATED BY HIS FRIENDS: **NELSON WAS WEAK**

Los Angeles Fight Critic Thinks Jimmy Will Still Be Easy for Gans-Burns Has Youth and Strength.

SARATOGA, Aug. 17.—While there has been plenty of faro play and some high stake money won and lost at bridge stake money won and roulette in one or two pri
Baratoga, Aug. 17.—While there has been watching the races at Klei land in the National Challenge trophy.

The idea of the majority is that the with a very great deal of interest, and light may be said with no rotation of confidence that among them none has been total common deeply interested than Sir Thomas individuals with 103. Licutenant Parnell this field and be taught by a more or the last two was a shadow of the oldestory.

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Nelson, generally regarded as the greatest white lightweight in the world, Gans is his master at every department has been tumbled from his position, and of the game. Britt is certainly a mar-James Britt, the man whom everybody velous ring general. Gans invented the James Britt, the man whom the thought was out to fight once more for game. Britt is a cool head, and is the short end, is high in public favor, proud of the fact. Gans is like a cold the short end, is high in public favor. and matched to fight Gans for the lightweight championship of the world.

utterances since the Britt fight. One ness showed in his training for the postal card has arrived from him about Hermann fight. the fight and it cast no light on the future of the Hegenwisch fighter. He says that he cannot understand how it winning from Britt.

his bolt fighting seven rounds, and after man. Young Corbett was a six-round that he slowed down gradually and was fighter until he met McGovern; Jeffries well nigh helpless at the end of the last was more or less a joke until he de-round. This is what he means when feated Sharkey the first time. Nobody caught him in the last round hurt him questioned class. and had him groggy. One hit on the jaw and the other landed on the stom- physique and natural strength. He is ache. They were no harder than a thou- the youngest man of the trio-three The undergraduate managers of the sand more which Britt landed earlier years younger than Britt, and eight

The statistics man tells us that Italy take more than that to offset the countless/wallops that the Dane has taken in his day. Nothing but a constitution can send the Dane back at his best, and new constitutions are not to be found, even The Arlington Dairy Lunch

Now, eliminating the Dane, we have Britt, Jimmy Burns, and Gans.

Britt and Gans are soon to settle the question once and for all. The Britts are eager to pick all the money in to over-rate Britt because of the Nelson fight. They do not figure that it

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 17 .- We | was a shadow of the old Nelson which

Unless the negro was permanently injured in the Goldfield fight and has son will stand little chance with him. storage plant, and has no pride. They say Britt can hit. We know that Gans has the cleanest, most punishing punch in the business. From every angle Gans Nelson has been very chary with his should win. No trace of injury or weak-

all happened, as he felt confident of fight with Burns. Here is the dark horse, the man who has never fought a It is not likely the jabs and swings topnotcher. Many a man who has had which came his way had much to do championship timber in him never had with the result of the fight. Nelson shot a chance to show it until he met a good he says that he does not understand. | knows what a man like Jimmy Burns

One thing is sure-Burns has the

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